

THE PASSION *of* RESURRECTION SUNDAY 2009

THE GLORIFICATION OF THE RESURRECTED MESSIAH, THE KING OF ISRAEL,
THE LORD OF HOSTS, JESUS CHRIST, SAVOIR OF THE WORLD

LUKE'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 24: 1-35

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH. 2009

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**WHEN HOPE ARRIVES,
IT'S TIME TO GET ABOARD!**

*THE "RESURRECTION SUNDAY MINISTRY" OF JESUS CHRIST
THE PROPHET, THE PRIEST, THE KING*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Resurrection, Eternal Life, Salvation, Forgiveness, Assurance

Introduction to the Text;

Luke 24:1-35

**Our Theme All This Week Has Been;
"WHEN HOPE ARRIVES:**

and so we have our graphic of a young man awaiting the arrival of the metro-train with hopes of going somewhere, getting somewhere.

**LAST WEEKEND WE LOOKED AT PALM SUNDAY
IT WAS BIGGER THAN YOU COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINE**

**ON WEDNESDAY WE LOOKED AT PASSION WEEK
A TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE**

**ON GOOD FRIDAY WE LOOKED AT HIS SUFFERING
AND HOW EVERYTHING CHANGES WHEN WE SEE OUR WORTH**

Lets Stand for The Reading of God's Word

Luke 24:1-35

Now on the first *day* of the week, (Sunday) very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. :2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. :3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. :4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. :5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? :6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, :7 saying, “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ ”:8 then they remembered His words. :9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. :10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles. :11 **And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.** :12 But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, **marveling to himself at what had happened.** :13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. :14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. :15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. :16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not recognize Him. :17 And He said to them, “**What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?**” :18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” :19 And He said to them, “**What things?**” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, :20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. :21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. :22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. :23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. :24 And certain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found *it* just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.” :25 Then He said to them, “**O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! :26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?**” :27 **And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.** :28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. :29 But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. :30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. :31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He suddenly vanished from their sight. :32 And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” :33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, :34 saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” :35 And they told about the things *that had happened*...

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What I want you to consider this morning
are no secrets codes, no special insights – nothing to surprise us

The Birth, Life and Ministry, Sacrifice, Death and Resurrection
and His soon Coming again is all recorded in the Bible !!!

Luke wrote in the Books Acts 1:3

for it was Jesus Christ who presented Himself alive after His suffering
by **many infallible proofs**, being seen by them during forty days and speaking
of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

What I am asking you to do this morning

Is to use all of your capacities as a human being to think,
and reason. and believe !!!

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1.) you've got to **examine the factual evidence**

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YOU'VE GOT TO EXAMINE THE FACTUAL EVIDENCE

1a.) **Fact - The Bible foretold what you should look for**

Fact:

we hold in our hands an ancient record of events and persons that cannot be denied in a court of law.

2Tim. 3:16

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God,

Fact:

and as for one example – one that applies to this day are the ancient prophecies of Jesus Christ. – **The Grave Could Not Hold Him !**

Psa. 16:10

because you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

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YOU'VE GOT TO EXAMINE THE FACTUAL EVIDENCE

1b.) Fact – That Jesus Christ would be condemned

Fact:

the roman empire occupied Israel at the time of Jesus Christ and Roman's were famous for censuses and their recording keeping. Rome records that a Jewish rabbi by the name of Jesus was illegally condemned to death and crucified by orders of the roman empire – but confessing his innocents at the same time.

Luke 3:1-2

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, :2 while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests,

Not Only is That On The Record – You can Look at the Inscriptions of Archeological Discoveries that say the same thing. – the names and the players...

John 19:4

Pontius Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "**Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.**"

Founding Father John Adams said;

"Facts are Stubborn Things"

and that's true - facts just wont go away. the demand our attention !

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1c.) Fact - Jesus taught about His own Resurrection

Fact:

Biblically, **Prophetically** - accounts spoke of Jesus' resurrection. **Eyewitness** accounts of His disciples recorded his teachings about it. And He Himself said that would be betrayed, condemned, crucified only to be risen from the dead.

Matt. 16:21

From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Fact:

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1d.) Fact - The world woke up to an empty tomb

Fact:

Matt. 27:62-65

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, **:63** saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘**After three days I will rise.**’ **:64** Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, “He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.” **:65** Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go your way, make *it* as secure as you know how.” **Matt. 27:66** So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

Fact:

Matt. 28:1-4

Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. **:2** And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. **:3** His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. **:4** And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*.

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2.) You've got to open the eyes of your understanding

2Pet. 1:16

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. – ***we're you there ?***

If It Were All a Lie...

consider the end of the apostles and today's disciples...

a hoax, lie, so perfectly planned out that you got 66 different authors from at least six different countries, spread out over 1,600 years to agree on a lie and then die for it !!!

2Pet. 1:20-21

know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, :21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as *they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

Lets Argue the Fact that the Concept of God is Probable

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

Lets Think About Ourselves for a Moment

Psa. 139:14

I will praise You, because I am **fearfully** (awesomely) **and wonderfully** (remarkably made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well.

Lets Agree that in Reality We Need to Know Him

Heb. 8:11

Teaching all men that they should know the Lord their God.

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OPEN THE EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING

2a.) Understand this - it's a willful act of yours alone

Matt. 10:32

“Therefore **whosoever** confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

John 3:15

that **whosoever** believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and **whosoever** comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

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OPEN THE EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING

2b.) Understand this - it's a homecoming reality for you

**You and I were not created
to live our lives alone, without God.**

Gen. 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." :27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. :28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply;

Gen. 3:7-9

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. :8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. :9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?" - - **Come Home, Both of You !!!**

listen, what's your fear in life, your danger.
is it your freaky-family, strange relationship, past, present,
future?

HIS RESURRECTION MEANS HOMECOMING

Rom. 8:33-35,38-39

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. :34 Who is he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.....

.....:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?.... :38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, :39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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OPEN THE EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING

2c.) Understand this - It's a choice that effects eternity

according to the bible
every choice you make, every action you take carries
with it a day of reckoning before God

Rom. 3:21-25 (nlt)

But now God has shown us a different way of being right in his sight—not by obeying the law but by the way promised in the Scriptures long ago. :22 We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins.

And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done. :23 For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard. :24 Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. :25 For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us

Col. 2:13-14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, :14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

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3.) you've got to make an informed decision

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3a.) You've got to draw a conclusion now on your own

have you ever been **driving** and **talking** at the same time
and you come up on the off ramp your looking for? - - and you miss it !

I did that once in Dallas Texas. // then I did it again in new jersey...

(it's like going to hell - an now way out)

??? What Will Be Your Conclusion ???

Matt. 16:13-16

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "**Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**" :14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
:15 He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" :16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

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3b.) You've got to take action now on your own

"People Get Ready There's a Train Coming"

you need to put your **brain** and **feet** and **faith** in gear
and act on what you believe.

Thomas After The Resurrection // John 20:28-29

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" :29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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3c.) You've got to get on now on your own

because by Jesus Christi being risen from the dead we have the absolute guarantee that we too shall be resurrected.

**Two (2) Things Are About to Happen.
(1) - You're About to Drop Dead.
(2) - The Jesus Train is Coming Soon**

But The Bible Says...

2Cor. 6:1-2

We then, as workers together (*ushers, parking lot attendants, greeters,*) with Jesus Christ also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. :2 For He says: "*In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.*" Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

But The Bible Says...

Psa. 145:19

He will fulfill the desire of those who trust in Him;
He will hear their cry and save them.

But The Bible Says...

John 6:35

And Jesus said them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me **shall never hunger**, and he who believes in Me **shall never thirst**."

But The Bible Says...

John 10:16-17

And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd. :17
"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again."

But The Bible Says...

Matt. 11:28-30

Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. :29
Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. :30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

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Is. 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. :26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Rom. 10:9-10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The End